



Our Church Matters

Our Mission: Growing Together in Christ Through Worship, Fellowship, Witness and Service

Kingdom or Kin-dom?

Dear RUMC Family,

On Sunday, July 20, we wrapped up an amazing week of Vacation Bible Camp with a joyful joint worship service alongside our siblings at Horizon Church. This year's theme—*Jesus' Upside-Down Kingdom*—invited kids (and adults!) to explore one of the central messages of Jesus' teaching: the Kingdom of God.

Regardless of our age or the number of years we've spent in church, the idea of God's Kingdom can feel kind of abstract. First, it's a kingdom without borders, which makes it difficult to pin down. Second, we live in a democracy, not under a king. And in earthly kingdoms today, leadership is often marked by control, hierarchy, or force, which is not at all what Jesus had in mind.

Simply put, the Kingdom of God exists wherever God reigns. Here on earth, that's any place that God's will is done just as it is in heaven. It's wherever people experience healing, restoration, life-giving connection and peace. It's where the last are first, the humble are lifted, and all are welcome as beloved family. It's a kingdom ruled not by domination and might, but by love, humility and service.

If you've worshiped in other settings over the past few years, it's possible you've heard other Christians using the term "Kin-dom of God." No, you didn't hear wrong, and they weren't misspeaking. It was an intentional choice meant to highlight the surprising nature of God's reign, which is relational, not authoritarian. It highlights God's desire to build a new community—a family of faith, grounded in grace and mutual care.

Whether we say kingdom or kin-dom, the heart of the message remains: Jesus calls us into a community where greatness looks like service, strength is found in sacrifice, and love reigns above all. As we head into the rest of summer, may we look for ways to live into this vision—as kin in Christ, creating a church and a world that reflect the heart of God.

Blessings and peace,
Jen

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Significant progress has been made over the last few weeks. The canopy is up, the solar panels and microinverters are installed, and portions of the conduit system have been installed. Some of the electrical cabinets have also been installed on the north facing exterior wall of the Fellowship Hall. The contractor is currently working on the trenching phase of the project. Once the conduit is installed, the necessary copper wire will be pulled through and connected. The construction phase of the project should be completed over the next couple of weeks. Once our contractor has completed the construction phase of the project, we will need BGE to make the final electrical connection into their utility box which is located behind the Fellowship Hall. The final phase will be for BGE to give us Permission To Operate. Once we have permission to operate, we will be able to start using our new solar system to generate power.



FOOD PANTRY HOURS: The Food Pantry is only open on Saturday mornings from 8:30-11 am. No one is allowed in the Food Pantry. Volunteers will bring all the food out to the parking lot for clients. There will be no WaWa food available, however, Panera IS available, WaWa is NOT.

At this time we are NOT accepting donations of clothing or household items.

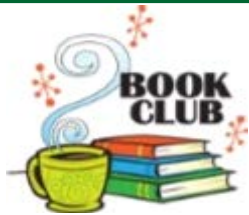
Food pantry immediate needs: 18 oz jars of Peanut Butter and boxes of Mac and Cheese.



Drop off: Saturday mornings between 8:30am-11 am.

Also, Sundays in the fellowship hall bin.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE DONATIONS OUTSIDE ANY CHURCH DOORS OR THE FOOD PANTRY



On Thursday July 17th, more than a dozen incredibly bright and God-fearing women gathered for our annual Summer outing. The food was great and the conversation lively! We appreciate Martha Milli opening her home to everyone.

Our book, *The Lost English Girl*, was a tale that took us to Liverpool in the days prior to, during and after WWII. Joann Ditto had prepared her leading of the discussion by handing out envelopes (Postie like our heroine) with a question for each of us to read and then discuss. It really helped move the conversation along. We should acknowledge that many of our number had worked last week at Vacation Bible Camp, and still drug themselves to join us.

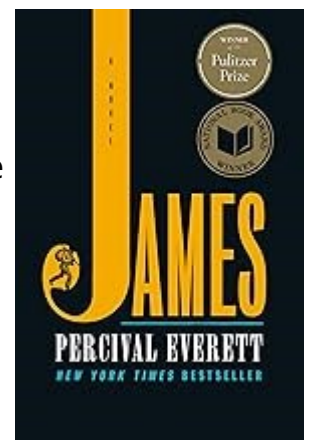
Believe it or not, despite it being started in 2001, we had 4 originals in the group. They are Cindy Smith, Joann Ditto, Pat Dinsmore and Beth Waters. It was started by Winnie Garman. It is impressive that it has survived and thrives this many years later. We were so thrilled to have Pat and Ruth Whitlock join us for this special night. We even had a visit remotely with Sharon May who was absent taking care of her sister. She introduced us to a song sung by Billie Holliday called *Strange Fruit*. It is a haunting song and the writer has listened to it over and over.

It was a special evening. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 in the church library. Everyone is welcome to come. If you need a ride, we can try to provide that.

The book for August is Percival Everett's *James*. It is a Pulitzer Prize winning novel about the exploits of Huck Finn's friend Jim. If you are on Facebook, you might want to add RUMC Book Club to your contacts.

When Jim overhears that he is about to be sold to a man in New Orleans, separated from his wife and daughter forever, he runs away until he can formulate a plan. Meanwhile, Huck has faked his own death to escape his violent father. As all readers of American literature know, thus begins the dangerous and transcendent journey by raft down the Mississippi River toward the elusive and unreliable promise of the Free States and beyond.

Brimming with the electrifying humor and lacerating observations that have made Everett a literary icon, this brilliant and tender novel radically illuminates Jim's agency, intelligence, and compassion as never before. *James* is destined to be a major publishing event and a cornerstone of twenty-first century American literature.





Gift Card orders for August

August 17th is the date for ordering Gift Cards. We no longer have Royal Farms. Be sure to purchase Boscov gift cards for the Circle of Friends fundraiser and purchase the coupon for 25% off everything on Boscov's Friends Helping Friends one day only shopping pass—October 22nd! Help Circle of Friends and the United Women in Faith! Our profits are used for many different charities in our community. Thank you.

Order Date for July is August 17th.

Please buy and use RUMW Gift Cards. Thank you.

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Family Ministries and Sunday School News

VBC at Emory Grove wrapped up on July 18, followed by a fun and Spirit-filled Sunday worship with Horizon Church to celebrate.

Over 150 children and 50+ volunteers gathered at Emory Grove each day to play games, make crafts, meet new friends, sing, and learn about how Jesus can surprise us.



A gigantic **THANK YOU** to every one of our volunteers who made VBC week happen. You took photos/videos, hauled materials, designed crafts, led Bible stories, played water games, fed children, sang and dance, planned, prepped, and cleaned up, among numerous other tasks. Thank you, thank you, thank you for your energy, your love, your joy, and your commitment to showing children and teens how much God loves them. Cara and Leslie (from Horizon) will be reaching out soon with plans to get together for some food and reflection.

Looking forward to August and September

We are still outside for Sunday school through August 24, which will also be Backpack Sunday, when we pray a special blessing for our school students, faculty and staff. We will not have Sunday school on Labor Day weekend (Aug. 31).

Important dates coming up:

August 24 – Backpack Sunday

August 31 – No Sunday School (Labor Day weekend)

September 7 – Sunday School returns inside.

Please contact Cara Norris at 443-804-3792 or rumcfamilyministires1777@gmail.com if you have any questions about Sunday School or Family Ministries.

Circle of Friends will be selling \$5 Coupons For:

Friends helping Friends Sale at Boscov's!

Mark Your Calendars for Wednesday, October 22 to SHOP Boscov's! Please contact Tammy or Lois for more information & to purchase a \$5 coupon. This Fundraiser will help COF and UMW because you can purchase Boscov's Gift Cards from Judy Wright.

Let's all have a fun day of shopping at Boscov's!



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025 - SHOP 8AM - 11PM

25% OFF*
LOWEST SALE PRICE
SHOPPING PASS

This pass entitles you to 25% off* your purchases in-store or online and cannot be used in conjunction with other discounts and promotions.

Present this pass at time of purchase to receive your 25%* discount.

Valid in-store and online Wednesday, October 22, 2025 only.

\$5 DONATION PER PASS

100% of your donation benefits the local non-profit organization from which you purchased this pass.

*See reverse side for a list of merchandise receiving 15% and 10% Off as well as exclusions.

For more details visit boscovs.com/friendshelpingfriends



Make a catch of fish to show what happens when Jesus calls his first disciples.

What you need:

- Cardboard egg carton
- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrush
- Darning needle
- Fishing twine
- Scissors
- Googly eyes or buttons
- Glue



What you do:

1. From the egg carton, cut out the 12 cups. From the lid, cut out two fish tails.
2. On a protected surface, turn the cups upside down. Paint the outside of each cup and both sides of the tails. Let dry.
3. Thread the needle with an arm's length of twine. Tie a knot at the end.
4. Thread the needle through the end of the tail. Tie another knot an inch from the tail.
5. Thread the needle through one upside-down cup. Pull the twine through until the cup rests on the knot.
6. Continue tying knots an inch above each cup and threading on another cup until you've strung six cups. Tie a knot above the last cup and leave a long string to hang the fish. (You can make two fish with each egg carton.)
7. Add googly eyes or buttons to the last cup to make a face.



WHO AM I?

Did you know that some Old Testament books are named after prophets? Use the clues to figure out each prophet's name and write it on the lines. Then unscramble, use the circled letters to complete the sentence at the bottom.

1. I was called to preach to Nineveh, but I ran from God instead. My book is number 32 in the Bible.

I am _ _ _ _ _ .

2. I spoke God's message when the temple was being built. My book is number 37.

I am _ _ _ _ _ .

3. Israel's unfaithfulness to God is compared to my unfaithful wife. My book is number 28.

I am _ _ _ _ _ .

4. My book predicts punishment for wickedness and promises of comfort. It is book 23.

I am _ _ _ _ _ .

5. I had dreams and visions. My book is number 27.

I am _ _ _ _ _ .

6. I was often in danger because of my prophecies. I angered officials. My book is number 24.

I am _ _ _ _ _ .

7. I was a shepherd from Judah who called people to turn to God and leave their selfish lives. My book is number 30.

I am _ _ _ _ _ .

8. My book contains descriptions of strange visions. My book is number 26.

I am _ _ _ _ _ .

Prophets are _ _ _ _ _ .

Answers: Jonah; Hagai; Hosea; Isaiah; Daniel; Jeremiah; Amos; Ezekiel. Messengers.

SHINE FOR Jesus



This easy and colorful craft helps kids remember that Jesus is their light—no matter where they go!

What you need:

- Clear plastic cup
- Battery tea lights
- Tissue paper squares (pre-cut)
- Glue stick
- Markers (optional)
- Stickers (optional)



What you do:

1. Use the glue stick to press colorful tissue paper squares around the outside of the cup.
2. Add a simple phrase like "Jesus is my Light" or use fun stickers to decorate.
3. Turn on the tea light and place it inside the cup.
4. Turn off the lights and let your lantern glow!

The Lord is my light
and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?

— Psalm 27:1, NIV



Puzzle!

The biblical calendar had many feasts and festivals. They were connected with the changing of the seasons or special events.

Use the code to find the name of the special days the Israelites observed.

CODE:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
Z	Y	X	W	V	U	T	S	R	Q	P	O	N	M	L	K	J	I	H	G	F	E	D	C	B	A

SEASON

HOLIDAY

1. End of Summer

New Year

I L H S S Z H S Z M Z S

2. Fall

Day of Atonement

B L N P R K K F I

3. Fall

Festival of Booths

H F P P L G S

4. Winter

Festival of Rededication

S Z M F P P Z S

5. Winter

Festival of Lots

K F I R N

6. Spring

Festival of Unleavened Bread

K Z H H L E V I

7. Spring

Feast of Weeks/Pentecost

H S Z E F L G

Answers: 1. Rosh Hashanah, 2. Yom Kippur, 3. Sukkot, 4. Hanukkah, 5. Purim, 6. Passover, 7. Shavuot



St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute

Seeking wisdom. Nourishing faith. Engaging community.



Travel to Turkey, Greece, and Italy with Dr. Michael Gorman April 6 - 19, 2026



From April 6 (Easter Monday) to Sunday, April 19, 2026, Dr. Gorman will once again lead an educational pilgrimage to Turkey, Greece, and Italy to visit places where Paul, John, and other early Christians lived and ministered. E.I. students, alums, and friends are invited to consider going.



Our itinerary includes: Smyrna, Pergamum, Ephesus, Laodicea, Colossae, Hierapolis, and Istanbul in Turkey; Philippi, Thessaloniki, Corinth, Cenchreae, Isthmia, and Athens in Greece; and Pompeii in Italy.



The attached [itinerary](#), [reservation form](#), and [brochure](#) provide details on the program, costs, and so on. The price is almost exactly the same as the cost of the last (2024) trip, adjusted for inflation. Once you have committed to going, you need to send a \$20 check to Dr. Gorman to hold your place. The \$500 deposit is due December 11, and the balance on January 30, 2026.

The trip alone is not a course for academic credit. Students who wish to enroll for academic credit should contact Dr. Gorman. Tuition is discounted by 1/3.

Feel free to contact Dr. Gorman with any concerns or questions: mgorman@stmarys.edu

See also: <https://www.pilgrimtours.com/groups/stmarysseminary2026.htm>

Prayer List— PLEASE PRAY FOR RUMC FAMILY, FRIENDS, & NEIGHBORS WITH CANCER

Ongoing Prayers for Healing from Cancer

Taylor Angus; Frank Banz; Jacob Barford;
Beth Bolin; Bruce Bond; Marilyn Brathwaite;
Renee Brooksbank; Jean Chambers;
Adia Clelland (Nelda Clelland's Granddaughter)
Benjamin Dapper; Steve Diehl; Sandy Engle;
Megan Evans; Jacque Eyler; Ryan Gardner;
Sondra Hadden; Mary Hanlon; Ken Harry;
Susan Harry; Jerry Hilton; Mike Hockstad;
Julie Hoffman; Debbie Johnson; Lisa Johnson;
Denny Johnson; Eddie Jones; Rita Jones;
Roger Lipp; Tyler Llewellyn; Celia Diniz Luiz;
Alfred Luginger; Pat MacLeer;
Vikki McAdory; Tina Meeks; Ronald Metz;
Don Mills; Aaliyah Parker; Dottie Payne;
Molly Ruppert; Les Schafferman;

Marge Shaw; Rebecca Sloan; Sean Staley;
Melanie Stierhoff; Mary Telchi;
Jenna Thornton; Dave Weinstein;
Lynn Whitter; Mike Wright; Ann; Christa;
Cindy; Deb; Jim; Ken; Makenna; Marilyn;
Nicholas; Rachel; Shannon

*Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family
of Ken Harry on his passing on July 15th.
And to the family of
Eugene Will on his passing on July 21st*

From Thelma Mack: Thanks to all those who remembered me on my 91st birthday with beautiful cards and good wishes. I appreciate them all! Also, thanks to the "Care Team" for the lovely gift delivered to me by Lois Burton. It was a delightful surprise.

Those battling cancer will be kept on the prayer list—names only.

Please inform the office of any changes or updates.

LOVED ONES SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Davey Brickman, Ruth Witlock's granddaughter's husband—National Guard back home from overseas
Eldridge Brown, Jr., Serving in the Army
Joshua Coleman, Rosemary Dragunas' nephew—United States Air Force, deployed to Qatar, SW Asia
Michael Edmondson, Friend of the Tambaoan's, US Marines
Christian Evans, Thelma Mack's nephew, serving in the US Army stationed in Texas
Lindley Garcia, Carol Judkin's friend — USMC not currently deployed
Elizabeth Haines Greenway, Army SGT 1st Class, Marion Yohn's granddaughter, stationed at Davenport, IA
Jeremy Hadden, Pat Dinsmore's grandson, Air Force, stationed at Edwards AFB in California
Steven Lee, Carol Lee's son—has been promoted to Command Master Chief, has served in the US Navy for 25+ years and is stationed in Virginia Beach VA
Fred Linborn, Friend of the Tambaoan family—serving in the Army
Vance Listwan, Son of Rachel & Mark Utterback—serving in the Air Force, stateside in Texas
Dennis Mack, Thelma Mack's nephew—serving in the Army is stationed in North Carolina
Allen Messinger, Ruth Whitlock's grandson — Serving in the Army at Fort Dietrick in Frederick MD
Isaac Shroll, Tracy Tambaoan's cousin—serving in the Army

OUR MEMBERS AT HOME

Barb Bonicker	Christy Newcomer
Ann Clayton	Betty Pulse
Lorna & Gordon Dix	Gill & Sally Seal
Ginger Gelwicks	Judith Wetzel
Velvia & Howard Goodrich	
Mary Jane Huffman	
Shirley Krause	
Gerry Lewis	

OUR MEMBERS IN SENIOR COMMUNITIES

Broadmead
Sarah Smith
Cherrywood-Reisterstown
Kerrie Flanagan
Lorien Center—Taneytown
Janet Porter
Stella Maris
Thelma Mack



**CELEBRATING ALL OF OUR
Under 25 AND Over 70 MEMBERS
August Birthdays**

Bennett Eschliman

8/2

1615 Brimfield Cir
Eldersburg, MD 21784-5940

Pete Caltrider

8/3

35 S Lake Way
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Sarah Smith

8/4

8 Waugh Ave
Reisterstown, MD 21136-3808

Paige Osborne

8/7

3738 Black Rock Rd
Upperco, MD 21155

Alice Caltrider

8/10

34 S Lake Way
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Mary Weber

8/12

3305 Toggenburg Dr
Finksburg, MD 21048

Austin Brennan

8/13

212 Bentley Hill Dr
Reisterstown, MD 21136-1311

Ben Morrison

8/14

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Arlington, VA 22203

Norman Yuille

8/16

21 Jacob Lee Ct
Reisterstown, MD 21136-1316

Cathy Ritter

8/19

369 Shields River Rd E
Livingston, MT 59047

Rick Bagwell

8/22

1825 Vincenza Dr Apt D
Sykesville, MD 21784-5976

Charlotte Braxton

8/22

15 Berrymans Ln
Reisterstown, MD 21136-1933

Richard Harris

8/22

5928 Glen Falls Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136-4512

Terry Williams

8/22

22 Birch Bark Ct
Owings Mills, MD 21117

Mark Smith

8/24

202 Northway Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Will Stewart

8/25

4514 North Woods Trl
Hampstead, MD 21074-2354

Kitty Oursler

8/26

16039 Trenton Rd
Upperco, MD 21155

Amelie Eschliman

8/31

1615 Brimfield Cir
Eldersburg, MD 21784-5940



Three Month Calendar

AUGUST

8	6-9	Game Night	Fellowship Hall
12	All day	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
16-29		RUMNS CLOSED for students	
17	All day	Gift Card Orders Due	
	All day	Newsletter Articles Due	
	9:30 am	Blood pressure readings	246 Conference Room
26	All day	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
31	All day	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	

SEPTEMBER

1	All day	Labor Day	Office Closed
2	All day	First day of School for RUMNS	
9	All day	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
21	All day	Gift Card Orders Due	
	All day	Newsletter Articles Due	
	9:30 am	Blood pressure reading	246 Conference Room
23	All day	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall

OCTOBER

13	All day	Columbus Day	
14	All day	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
18	5-9 pm	UWinF Spaghetti Dinner	Fellowship Hall
19	All day	Gift Card Orders Due	
	All day	Newsletter Articles Due	
	9:30 am	Blood pressure reading	246 Conference Room
28	All day	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall



Entire RUMC Calendar is available on the church website and is updated frequently—check it out: www.rumcweb.org

Food Pantry—Open Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 11 am—In person inside still to be determined. For donations—Let the volunteer know you are dropping off, not picking up. If you can pop your trunk from inside your car, place the donation in your trunk. If you cannot open from inside your car, put in your back seat—Volunteers will take it out of your car for you.

MONDAYS

10 am to 12 pm — AA, 308
3 to 7 pm—Artist Music, 308
7 to 8:30 pm— AA, 308

TUESDAYS

7am—4pm: Mission of Mercy (2nd and 4th Tues.)
10:30 am – Staff Meeting
2-6pm **“Thrive” After school Program for FMS (School Year)**
3-9pm— Artist Music, 308
7:00 pm—Sisterhood, 246 Conference Room (Aug.-June)
7:00 pm—Cristos Iglesias Service, NSC
7:30 pm—Refuge Dharma, 308

WEDNESDAYS

10 am to noon – Library Committee
2:30 pm—Junction After School Program (School Year)
7 to 9 pm—Adult Choir, choir room (End of Aug. ~ May)
7:00 pm—**Men’s Fellowship, 308**

THURSDAYS

3-7 pm—Artist Music, 308

FRIDAYS

2-6pm **“Thrive” After school Program for FMS (School Year)**
3-7 pm—Artist Music, 308

7:00 pm—Cristos Iglesias Band Rehearsal, NSC

SATURDAYS

6 am—Cristos Iglesias—Prayer and Cleaning NSC
8:30 to 11:00 am—Food Pantry Open
9:30 to 11:30 am—AA , 308
11-5—Artist Music, 308
4 pm—Cristos Iglesia Band Rehearsal, NSC
7:00 pm—Cristos Iglesias Service, NSC

LAST SATURDAY OF MONTH

10 pm—Cristos Iglesias Prayer Service, NSC

MOST SUNDAYS

11:30 to 12:30 – Joyful Noise Handbell Rehearsal (End of Aug. thru May)

EVERY SUNDAY

Noon—Cristos Iglesias Service, NSC
2-3:30 pm—Youth Group (End of Aug. thru May) 308 Bldg.

EVERY WEDNESDAY Choir Rehearsals (End of Aug. thru May)

CHURCH COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

1st Thurs.— UMW (6:30 pm) Library
2nd Mon.— Circle of Friends, Library (No mtg Dec.)
2nd Tues.—Finance Even months (6:30 pm) Library
2nd Tues.— Trustees Odd months (6:30 pm) Library
3rd Sun.— Newsletter Deadline and Gift Card orders Due
3rd Mon.— Missions (7 pm), 246 Conference Room
3rd Tues.— SPRC (7 pm) Library
4th Mon.—JOY Circle (11:00 am) Parlor (no meetings in the Summer)
4th Tues.—Church Council (6:30 pm) Library

PLEASE
PLACE
STAMP
HERE

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**This QR Code will take you directly to our
on line giving screen for the church.**

We are gathering for Sunday morning worship at 10 am in the sanctuary and online.

We now have several ways to join us virtually, including Zoom, Facebook Live, and a livestream that appears at the bottom of our worship page: <http://rumcweb.org/event/2021-05-23-1000-am-service/> This is the easiest way to view the service and also provides the highest quality viewing experience - especially for those with low internet speeds.

We also have YouTube account - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzltzPeTDuFxeJv_EJpgjgQ for our services if you miss one, you can pull it up at this link.

ZOOM Link for Sunday Morning Worship

Topic: Sunday Worship

Time: 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86822778412?pwd=THZCN0pkZXIsWG1DVWN5Sis0T1VNQT09>

Meeting ID: 868 2277 8412 | Passcode: 271199

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